

Father's Day

A Father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way.



~ REFLECTIONS ~ June 2025

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Open
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Membership

Jenny Rodrigues
Missions

Open
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Commissioned Pastor

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Church Office / Office Manager

Cindy McMillan
Music Coordinator/Pianist

Janet Nelson
Historian





PASTOR'S CORNER

The month of June starts the season of Summer. It is the time of year for vacations and believe it or not, reading. Summer is one of the busiest times for bookstores as people look for the right books to read at the beach. I don't know your favorite reads, but there are many ways to read a book now. You can read your books electronically, and these options are available to you: "Books" on Apple products, Kindle app or Kindle readers, and Nook are the most popular. You can also read your books the old-fashioned way by buying a paperback or hardback book. I encourage you to find your favorite way to read something. My latest book, book number ten of 2025, is a reread for the Commissioned Pastor's class I will be teaching later in June: "The Contemplative Pastor-Returning to the Art of Spiritual Direction" by Eugene Peterson.

Summer is also a great time to get back into reading the Bible. There are electronic versions, like the YouVersion Bible app, audio Bibles, and your personal Bible. Starting this month, we will put the Scripture readings for each month in the newsletter. This will allow you to read the passages before you come to church, or when you can't make it to church, you can still know the focus of my messages for the week. I pray that this will help you grow deeper in your understanding of God's Word and give you ways to share God's Word with others.

Scripture Readings for June 2025

June 1: Psalm 97; John 17:20-26
Sermon: "Jesus Prays for Us"

June 8: Pentecost - Psalm 104:24-35; Acts 2:1-21
Sermon: "Fully Enabled"


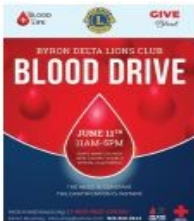

June 15: Father's Day - Psalm 8; John 16:12-15
Sermon: "Truth From the Father"








June 22: Psalm 42; Luke 8:26-39
Sermon: "Breaking Chains"

June 29: John McMillan will be preaching. Pastor Doug will be attending his best friend's Ordination Service in Gettysburg, PA.

Blessings,
Pastor Doug

JUNE 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Chapel Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m. <i>Communion</i> Installation / Ordination of Elders & Deacons 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting (Men Only)	2 12:15 p.m. Al-Anon Mtg. 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting	3 3:00 p.m. Board of Deacons Meeting 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting	4	5	6	7 8:30 a.m. AA Meeting
8 Day of Pentecost  Worship Service 10:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting (Men Only)	9 12:15 p.m. Al-Anon Mtg. 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting	10 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting	11 	12	13	14 8:30 a.m. AA Meeting Flag Day 

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
15 Trinity Sunday  Worship Service 10:00 a.m. <i>Communion</i> 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting (Men Only)	16 12:15 p.m. Al-Anon Mtg. 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting	17 3:00 p.m. Session Mtg. 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting	18	19 Church Office Closed In observance of Juneteenth 	20 	21 8:30 a.m. AA Meeting
22  Worship Service 10:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting (Men Only)	23 12:15 p.m. Al-Anon Mtg. 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting	24 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting	25	26 Pastor Doug out of office June 26 - 30 	27	28 8:30 a.m. AA Meeting
29 Worship Service 10:00 a.m. w/CP John McMillan 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting (Men Only)	30 12:15 p.m. Al-Anon Mtg. 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting					 



By Marlanna Bathel

Edited by Mary Anderson

The book, "The Farmer's Bride Collection", has six romance stories written by six different authors. The stories are about farmers but also about hearts, homes and harvests.

- "One Little Prayer"

This story is about Louanne, 9 years old, who prays for someone to call "Dad". She believes she finds him, but something is not quite right.

- "The Tie That Binds"

Between 1854 and 1930 orphaned or abandoned children, usually in crowded East coast cities, traveled on orphan trains from the East coast to the West hoping to find new homes. The book centers on telling Emma's "placing-out" experience.

- "A Homesteader, a Bride, and a Baby"

All of Lorette's family died from diphtheria but for an infant nephew. (Diphtheria is a serious, potentially life-threatening bacterial infection, mainly affecting the nose and throat). Lorette is destitute but determined to care for herself and her nephew child alone if necessary.

- "The Applesauce War"

Two fathers believe a conflict between them will bring their daughter and son together. It does become a real conflict that has the children bewildered.

- "Sunshine Harvest"

After her father's sudden death Anne is left to determine if and how to run the citrus farm as the fruit is ready for picking. The future of Anne, her mother, the farm-hands and their families are in her hands.

- "New Beginnings"

Betsy marries but is living a lie. How can she hide her secret from her husband? They are moving West to Ohio. Can she hide her lie there?

By Patty Schroeder

- "Janette Oke, A Heart for the Prairie" written by her daughter Laurel Oke Logan.

This book is a true story about a prolific writer of Christian novels, her genealogy, and the life she led as a child, student, and college graduate. She married her college sweetheart who became a minister, and they raised four children. She also worked in a bank, conducted her preacher's wife duties, and started writing her books. Janette traveled to many cities for book signings, to give speeches, and to occasionally teach classes.

She received many awards for her books which were featured in numerous magazines. Her books were also published in a multitude of languages. She has sold over 10 million copies of her books.

Her daughter Laurel writes about her family's history saying her mother's relatives came from England to America in the 1600s. Her father's relatives came to America in 1766 by way of Canada from Germany. All were pioneers and led the hard physical lives of the times.

Janette's books continue to be written and are popular in Christian literature, especially life on the prairies.

I hope you will enjoy this book as much as I did.

Missions

Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

Be the hands and feet of Jesus; volunteer with Delta Christian Community Food Pantry! Our mobile food pantry delivers groceries to families in need at 3 locations on Tuesday mornings, 52 weeks a year. Whether you can help once a week, or once a month, at one location or all three, you can be a part of this great ministry. We set up at the following times and locations each Tuesday:

8:30 a.m. - St. Anne Catholic Church

9:30 a.m. - Calvary Christian Church, in Knightsen

10:30 a.m. - New Covenant Church, on Bethel Island

Come check us out! See our website for more information: www.deltafoodpantry.com or call Jenny Rodrigues at 925-625-2651

"For I was hungry and you fed me" Matthew 25:35

Would you like to help the Food Pantry?

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

1. Egg Cartons - NO flats please.
2. Rubber Bands - To fasten egg cartons closed.
3. Plastic Grocery Bags - Flattened please.
4. Zip Lock Bags - quarts and gallons.



Please drop any items off in the Food Pantry Container
Located in the Church Narthex

Thank You,

Jenny Rodrigues
Missions Elder



Delta Christian Community Food Pantry

Distribution of food on Tuesdays

8:30 a.m. - St. Anne Catholic Church, Byron

9:30 a.m. - Calvary Church, Knightsen

10:30 a.m. - New Covenant Church, Bethel Island

Serving 120 - 150 families weekly.

June Focus

**Peanut Butter and Jelly
Cereal**



- Food, clothing, & household goods
- Self-help resources
- Donations of food & money are appreciated!
- Donated items can be placed in the container located in the narthex of Delta Community Presbyterian Church.

Volunteers are welcome!



Children's Ministry

Come join us every Sunday for Sunday School, following Children's Story Corner. Sunday School is more than just learning. We begin with a prayer, then work on an activity unique to each week's lesson.

The children are engaged with a weekly Bible verse, and discussion. They get to create a work of art incorporating the verse, and then close the activity with prayer.

To stay up to date and learn more about our Sunday School program, check out our church webpage at:

<https://www.dcpfamily.org/sundayschool>

For more information contact the Church Office at:

(925) 634-0184 or deltachurch@dcpfamily.org





Be a Part of the LEGACY!!!



Our Growing for God Building Campaign is about more than just buildings. It is about a ministry vision that started over 20 years ago. A vision of children learning about God in an environment filled with love and compassion. A school that would meet the educational needs of children for years to come. A church growing with those families and meeting the spiritual needs of the community around it. And with our new buildings, the legacy will continue and grow even stronger. We would love for you to be a part of this. Please click on the link and watch a video that takes you on a journey. A journey of faith. A journey of God's blessings. We pray that you will be a part of it. Please share this with all your friends.

<https://www.dcpfamily.org/building>

We just celebrated our 35th Anniversary as a church. What impact will your giving have 35 years from today? What impact will new families bring to our church and our community? We already have AGC Alumni returning as staff to the campus, paying it forward. Students are graduating from college and contributing in big ways to the world.

Be a part of the EXCITEMENT!

Hall of Fame \$500
Bronze Level \$1,000
Silver Level \$2,500
Gold Level \$5,000
Platinum Level \$10,000
Premier Level \$25,000

Donations via, Check, Cash, or QR Code
Make checks payable to DCPC -
memo "Growing for God Building Campaign"

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GIVE
Blood

BYRON DELTA LIONS CLUB
BLOOD DRIVE

JUNE 11TH
11AM-5PM

SAINT ANNE CHURCH
2800 CAMINO DIABLO
BYRON, CALIFORNIA

THE NEED IS CONSTANT.
THE GRATIFICATION IS INSTANT.

redcrossblood.org | **1-800-RED CROSS**
Karen Bouslog - kbouslog@yahoo.com **925-250-9242**





**We're fighting something
we cannot see!**

Delta Shadow Boxers

Parkinson's Support Group

1st Wednesday each month

(except July)

Merrill Gardens

2600 Balfour Road

Brentwood

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

This Parkinson's support group serves the Delta area of Contra Costa County (Antioch, Pittsburg, Oakley, Bethel Island, Knightsen, Discovery Bay, and Brentwood).

Please contact the coordinator to confirm the time and offer your contact information for subsequent communications.

Contact: Sue Schnittker 925 550-2756; saresa@comcast.net

We are fighting something we cannot see! Our goals are 1) Stay Social, 2) Stay Active, and 3) Stay Informed. Come join us.

RECYCLING

We are in **need** of a new person or persons to be our **recycling coordinator(s)**.
If you feel called to help the church & environment, please let the church office know.

Please still bring your bottles and cans.

Below is a list of what they can recycle:

- ♦ Plastic Water Bottles/Plastic Soda Bottles/Gallon Water Jugs (remove lid, crush bottle, replace lid)
- ♦ Soda Cans / Beer Cans (Crush)
- ♦ Glass Beer Bottles / Glass Soda Bottles

It **must** say **CRV-California** on the item.

- ♦ **No plastic milk bottles** or SOUP CANS!
- ♦ No wine bottles.
- ♦ **PLEASE!!!!** Separate bags for plastic, glass, and aluminum cans.

Drop your recycling off any time!
The bin is located next to the garbage cans in front of the patio.

Thank You!

